

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0011], which begins on page 3 at line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

[0011] In view of what is stated above, the present invention refers to an ~~instant~~ air heater which produces an instant heating, from amongst the means for the heating of motor vehicle passenger compartments and for defrosting their screens, ~~essentially~~ characterised in that they are made up of a bell-housing (1) semi-attached to an exhaust gas outlet manifold (3) of an engine (4) of a vehicle for collecting the hot air (2), ~~semi-attached to the exhaust gas outlet manifolds (3) of the engine (4) of the vehicle~~, preferably while it is being started, linked by an air hose (5) to a small turbine (6) or an extractor which forces the air into ~~the~~ a vehicle's compartment (8), to ~~the~~ front and rear screens (9) or ~~the~~ exterior rear view mirrors (10) by way of a ~~suitable~~ pipe (7) or several of these.

Please replace paragraph [0012], which begins on page 3 at line 13, with the following amended paragraph:

[0012] The assembly uses a thermostat (11) to shut off the ~~instant heating~~ air heater and opens up or turns on the conventional heater ~~heating of the vehicle~~ by means of a manual or electrically-operated butterfly valve (12), stopping the turbine (6) and, alternatively a CO₂ detector (13) which, besides shutting off the latter when pre-set temperatures are reached, activates a warning light and/or buzzer (14), which may or may not be controlled by a central electronic unit (15).